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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application on page 1, before "Field of the Invention" by changing the paragraph starting on line 3 as shown in the attached sheet entitled "Amendments to the Specification".

A clean version of the new paragraph is also provided on a separate sheet, also attached hereto, entitled "Clean Copy of New Paragraph".

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